



VillageVoice

The Newsletter of Stanton Harcourt & Sutton

July / August 2022



Calendar

2nd Men's Breakfast Club 8.00am, The Harcourt Arms
 4th Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm, Village Hall
 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th Knitting Group Weave only just begun
 8th Toddler Group 9.15 - 10.45am, Village Hall
 9th Village Market 12.00 - 2.00pm, Village Hall

Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer

A quick reminder that this issue is for July and August combined. As many of us gear up for summer holidays, the Village Voice team is using August as a chance to recharge their batteries and take a well earned rest.

Don't panic: we'll be back in September with more riveting content for you all!

Please remember to send us your news for September no later than **Saturday 20th August** village-voice@hotmail.co.uk

Royal Party, Festival Day 2022

Queen: **Lucy Taylor** Attendant: **Kyra Monroe**
 Prince: **Ewan Carter** Princess: **Florence Gascoigne**



Thank you!

Flourishing Florists Feted

A big thank you to all the clubs and organisations within the village who took part in the annual church flower festival. The flowers and displays looked amazing and we hope you will all join in again next year!



In 2014, Emojipedia founder Jeremy Burge created the unofficial holiday World Emoji Day, which occurs on July 17 annually. He chose July 17 because of the representation of the calendar emoji 🗓️, which features the said date.



Village Market & Cafe

Saturday 9th July 12-2pm, Stanton Harcourt Village Hall

After a brief hiatus during festival month the village market is back! Why not pop by to peruse the goods on offer and treat yourself to some tasty goodies. The perfect solution to a sedate Saturday with your friendly neighbours.

Stanton Harcourt and Sutton Summer Festival 2022

Our Platinum Jubilee themed Festival week has drawn to a close and what a majestic week it was! We hope that you enjoyed all the events that took place during the week. It was one of the busiest Festival weeks that we have ever had.

Over the course of the week we enjoyed:

A Funfair for all, a flower festival, a jubilee party on the green, guided tours of the church, a Lego display (twice due to popular demand!), an Eynsham model railway display, Pimm's and canapés, open gardens with teas and cakes (several), a classic car show (the biggest ever!), sublime singing, a party on the playground, bell ringing, pizza and prosecco, cream teas (several including one in The Guard Room), beers and burgers, pictures and plonk, Manor House tours and a whole night of festivities at the Harcourt Arms! Phew – what a week!

Thanks to everyone's generosity, around £5000 has been raised for charities including:

FOSHS, St. Michael's Church, The Methodist Chapel, The MS Society, Emmaus Oxford, Sunshine Cat Rescue, Ukraine DEC Appeal, The British Legion and Oxpips.

We extend a huge thank you to all those who organised and attended events during the week.

We were blessed with brilliant weather again for Festival Day itself and it was wonderful to see so many people enjoying the fete on the school field including a number of previous Festival Queens and Kings. Well done to everyone who was involved in creating floats, performing on the field and manning stalls. In particular, thank you Phil and Denise Taylor for creating the most splendid royal carriage to transport the royal party – it was a triumph! Steve Tuck, thank you for your fabulous MC duties and Joe Deane for setting up the PA system (amongst other things!). And Charlie Maynard – you were such a great sport for agreeing to be our first "target" in the stocks and then staying to man the stall for the rest of the afternoon!

There are some fabulous pictures of the day on both the village and the summer festival FB pages – thank you all for posting pictures and do keep them coming.

The committee would like to say thanks to all those who helped us to get ready for festival day and with the big clear up afterwards including bunting operations and the heavy lifting work on Friday and Sunday. Special thanks go to Matthew Judson, David Wallom, Lewis Collins, Ade Poynter, Shelly Poynter, Robin Smith, Mark Berry, Nigel Eagle, Johnny Eagle, Nigel Elliot, Adam Lawrence, Neil Mason, Andy Broadhurst, Pete Beilby, Kat Smith and Jeanne-Marie Hatcher. And for helping to sell programmes thank you Amanda Exley, Naomi Crawford, Pat Pentland, Jacqui Graves, Hitesh at the Shop and the Harcourt Arms crew as well as Gil Hileard (ad sales).

The committee is off for a well-earned rest but as someone said back in 1977 after the Silver Jubilee Gala event, "well, let's do it all again next year!"

So, we will be starting to plan Festival 2023 very soon!

We very much need some new committee members to join our ranks and help spread the load for next year. Please do consider joining us and get in touch if you would like to get involved or have ideas for a theme or events for next year. (Festival contact email is rich.thom77@gmail.com)

The Festival Committee



Parish Council News

Next Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall

Monday 4th July 7:30pm

Online observation link: <https://meet.google.com/ifb-ezdy-dci>

Your Parish Council

The Parish Council held their first meeting in the Guardroom in June, and we welcomed some new members to the Village who have moved onto Hayfield Green (also known as the Old Airfield). It was very nice to meet you and we hope to see you around the village. Everyone is welcome to attend the Parish meeting and we look forward to welcoming more new attendees as well as those who already attend on a regular basis. Your Parish Council is here for you. If you have anything that you would like to raise, please feel free to attend the meetings. Alternatively, our contact details can be found at the end of this article. Please address any official correspondence to the Parish Clerk.

Financial Support for Energy Bills

West Oxfordshire District Council have launched a scheme to help residents who missed out on the £150 government rebate to help with energy bills. The original scheme was available to all homes in council tax bands A-D. This has left out some people who are in houses that fall in the higher tax brackets but are still in financial need.

With this new initiative, West Oxfordshire District Council are hoping to help these people. Full details on who is eligible to apply and how to apply can be found on the District Council website. Applications need to have evidence to support your claim and need to be in by 5th July. The District Council only has a limited amount of funding for this scheme, so the amount of support offered to each case depends on the number of successful applications received. The intention is for payments to start from late July.

Whilst all the details can be found on the District Council website, those who struggle to access the internet or need additional support can call 01993 861000 for assistance.

Welcome Booklet

Taking onboard feedback from the Annual Parish Meeting, as well as from villagers, the Parish Council is looking to put together a welcome booklet for people moving into the village. This will then be made available to new villagers to help welcome them to our village and guide them where to find out what we have on offer.

Your West Oxfordshire District Councillors are:

Lynette Nicholls

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• Bus. email: lysette.nicholls@westoxon.gov.uk

Charlie Maynard

• Mobile: 07487 708681

• Bus. email: charlie.maynard@westoxon.gov.uk

Your Oxfordshire County Council councillor is:

Dan Levy

• Mobile: 07852 748362

• Email: dan.levy@oxfordshire.gov.uk

You Member of Parliament is:

Robert Courts

• Phone: 0207 219 5638

• Email: robert.courts.mp@parliament.uk

Your Parish Councillors are:

• **Matthew Judson**, Chairman, matthew@shpc.co.uk

• **Rachel Arnold**, Vice Chairman, rachel@shpc.co.uk

• **Keith Hickson**, keith@shpc.co.uk

• **Joe Deane**, joe@shpc.co.uk

• **Gill Sellars**, gill@shpc.co.uk

• **Tony Pentland**, tony@shpc.co.uk

Parish Council Information

All official communications should be addressed to the Parish Clerk: Trudi Gasser, 5 Woodlands, Standlake, Oxon, OX29 7RA.
Clerk@shpc.co.uk



The word emoji literally means "picture" (e) + "character" (moji) in Japanese. Because of the sheer influence and ubiquity of emojis, many use them to raise awareness about modern causes and politics, for example the Mosquito emoji 🦟, which attempted to raise awareness for mosquito-borne diseases such as malaria and dengue.

Handy Hints for Horticulturalists

- Deadhead those perennials
- Top up ponds and bird baths regularly
- Mulch, mulch, and mulch some more
- Keep on top of weeds as they compete with your crops for nutrients and water
- Don't forget to pick courgettes before they become marrows!



Feel the rhythm! Feel the rhyme! Get on up, it's chainsaw time!

Please can I say a big thank you to the constructor of the two lovely new bridges carrying the footpaths at the top of Sutton Lane. A great improvement for everyone, especially those of us getting on in years.

HOWEVER the next project please for the Footpath Fairy is to look at the route from Duck End Lane to Steadys Lane over the field and through the wood where a fallen tree means we have had 3 months of limbo dancing and a crumbling stile with waist high nettles and brambles. Please wave your wand in that direction Phantom Footpath Fairy!
Anon.



Animals, animals everywhere!

Animal appreciation days are dotted throughout July & August, with days for rabbits, owls, tigers, sea serpents, cats, lions, elephants, dogs, bats and orangutans!

If you're looking for something to do during the holidays on those inevitable rainy days why not get creative? Grab some bits and bobs, whip out the doilies, slap some paint on everything, dig out

a pipe cleaner or two and see what you can construct.

Keep on top of Village Activities

Did you know, there are multiple places to find village news and ways to communicate with fellow villagers?

✚ The Parish Council website: <https://bit.ly/3OjnsVL>

✚ Village Voice emails: <https://bit.ly/3NhQfbW>

✚ Local Facebook Groups:



Villagers Other Voice

Stanton and Sutton Neighbourhood Group

✚ Various notice boards dotted around the village

Men's Breakfast Club

1st Saturday of every month
8am at The Harcourt Arms
£12.00

Full English Breakfast

To book your place call:

John Holland OX 881906 or The Harcourt Arms OX 416516



Page 3 Bird: Splendid Fairy Wren



Meet Romeo, an Australian songbird ready to dance the night away with his shimmering electric shades of violet-blue and turquoise feathers; perfect for all those desert raves on his summer agenda.

Romeo is a Splendid Fairy Wren, also known as the Splendid Wren or Blue Wren. He's been practising his jaunty hops and bounces and hopes to find his Juliette before September comes.

Despite his splendid appearance, Romeo lives in rather understated arid and semi-arid areas of Australia, usually making his home in shrublands and shrubby woodlands. For what he lacks in an impressive crib, he makes up for with a perfected courting technique: plucking petals. Romeo woos prospective partners by presenting them with tasteful pink and purple petals, and it works like a charm.

Romeo may seem like prince charming, but a wise mother wren knows to be wary, as his promiscuous nature makes him the Casanova of the bird world. You know what they say - be wary of blue men handing out petals!

Expand Your Horizons - Become a Young Leader

Cottsway is offering young people living in their homes the chance to take part in the next Oxfordshire Youth Young Leaders Programme – for FREE!

Successful applicants will take part in activities such as problem solving, climbing or raft building while learning leadership skills, which they will then be able to put into use in their community, school, college or youth group. It's a fabulous chance to gain confidence and really lift your CV!

The deadline for applications is **Friday 9 September 2022**.

More information, and to apply: www.cottsway.co.uk/youngleaders



Oxford Dictionaries dubbed the "Face with Tears of Joy", emoji 2015's Word of the Year 🤔🤔

If I had a world of my own, everything would be nonsense

2nd July is Alice's Day. To celebrate one of our favourite local literary characters pop into Oxford and visit some of the events being held in Alice's name.



The Natural History Museum have a Squeaky Teacups event between 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

The History of Science Museum have various activities from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Or pop by The Oxford Festival of the Arts on Cowley Place between 11:00 am - 4:00 pm for party games with Alice and Fairtrade delights.

More details and other events for Alice day can be found on the Experience Oxford website:

<https://bit.ly/3bo2Ey6>



Could you help us make sure the countryside adds up?

The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) is looking for a Treasurer for its West Oxfordshire District. Could you help?

Our local committee of volunteers works to speak up for the environment, villages and market towns of rural West Oxfordshire. From challenging inappropriate planning applications to planting hedges, we help to ensure that our countryside is protected and enhanced for future generations.

Although the sums involved may be small, we still need a treasurer to help us count our pennies and make them work hard for us.

If you can keep basic financial records and manage a bank account, have an interest in countryside matters and can spare just an hour or two a month, we'd really love to hear from you!

See www.cpreoxon.org.uk/join-us/volunteer

Or contact the Oxfordshire Branch Office:

E: administrator@cpreoxon.org.uk T: 01491 612079

Poetry Corner

International Orangutan Day is on 19th August, and raises awareness for orangutans around the world, some of which are facing extinction within the next two decades.

Below is a poem created by Greenpeace to raise awareness of their plight. If you want to help, there are loads of different places offering the opportunity to sponsor these magnificent creatures to try and protect their homes, along with information on ways we can help make a difference from our homes in the UK.

There's a Rang-Tan in my Bedroom

*There's a Rang-tan in my bedroom and I don't know what to do.
She plays with all my teddies and keeps borrowing my shoe.
She destroys all of my houseplants and she keeps on shouting
"Ooo!"
She throws away my chocolate and she howls at my shampoo.*

*There's a Rang-tan in my bedroom and I don't want her to stay.
So I told the naughty Rang-tan that she had to go away.*

*Oh Rang-tan in my bedroom, just before you go...
Why were you in my bedroom?
I really want to know.*

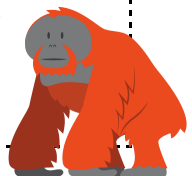
*There's a human in my forest and I don't know what to do.
He destroyed all of our trees for your food and your shampoo.*

*There's a human in my forest and I don't know what to do.
He took away my mother and I'm scared he'll take me too.*

*There are humans in my forest and I don't know what to do.
They're burning it for palm oil so I thought I'd stay with you.*

*Oh Rang-tan in my bedroom now I do know what to do. I'll fight to
save your home and I'll stop you feeling blue.
I'll share your story far and wide so others can fight too.*

*Oh Rang-tan in my bedroom I swear it on the stars
The future's not yet written but I'll make sure it is ours.*



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Our emails include a link to village contacts and useful information: handy for anyone in a bind or new to the area

<https://bit.ly/3NhQfbW>



Village Shop & Post Office

Monday Shop only 08:00 - 10:00
 Tuesday Shop & Post Office 08:00 - 11:30
 Wednesday Shop only 08:00 - 10:00
 Thursday Shop & Post Office 08:00 - 11:30
 Friday Shop only 08:00 - 10:00
 Saturday Shop & Post Office 08:00 - 11:30
 Sunday Shop only 08:00 - 10:00

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Panipopo (Samoan Coconut Rolls)

The Commonwealth Games starts on 28th July and ends on 8th August.

Panipopo is the national dish of Samoa, and is commonly served as a morning pastry or dessert. It can take the form of a bun or roll and is baked in sweet coconut milk. They're typically served in shallow bowls, spooned over with more sweet coconut milk, and accompanied by a hot beverage, like a Samoan cocoa.

We recommend looking up other national dishes - there is a fantastic array that we didn't have space for but can't wait to try at home!

Ingredients: (makes 20 dinner rolls)

- 20 frozen bread rolls or homemade bread rolls
- 10 ounces coconut milk - 1 cup sugar



Method:

1. Coat a 9x13 glass baking dish with cooking spray and arrange rolls evenly to thaw (if doing homemade rolls, roll dough into golf-ball size balls and arrange the same way).
2. If making your own rolls, cover with plastic wrap sprayed with cooking spray (to keep dough from sticking to the plastic wrap). Allow to rise until doubled in size. This can take 4-5 hours.
3. Preheat oven to 180°. In a small saucepan, combine coconut milk and sugar over medium heat and whisk until sugar is dissolved and sauce has thickened (about 5 minutes). If you want a thinner sauce, you can just whisk the sugar and coconut milk together in a bowl without heating.
4. Pour about 2/3 of the coconut mixture over the rolls and bake for 20-30 minutes (or according to package/dough recipe instructions) or until golden brown and dough is baked through.
5. Remove from oven and pour remaining coconut mixture evenly over the top of the rolls.
6. The rolls should be sticky and gooey on the bottom. Can be served upside down or right-side up.



Riddle me this

To mark World Chocolate Day on 7th July we have some sticky riddles to whet your appetite.
 Answers in September's issue

1. 9,10,11,12
2. A Good Stretch Of Road
3. Not Loud
4. Clever folk
5. Mediaeval Entertainers
6. Prickly Floribunda
7. Edible fasteners
8. Ten cent pub
9. Reward
10. Sly giggles

Gardener Wanted

Are you a keen gardener who knows the difference between weeds and plants?

Can you spare several hours a week to help maintain and beautify a large garden in the local area?

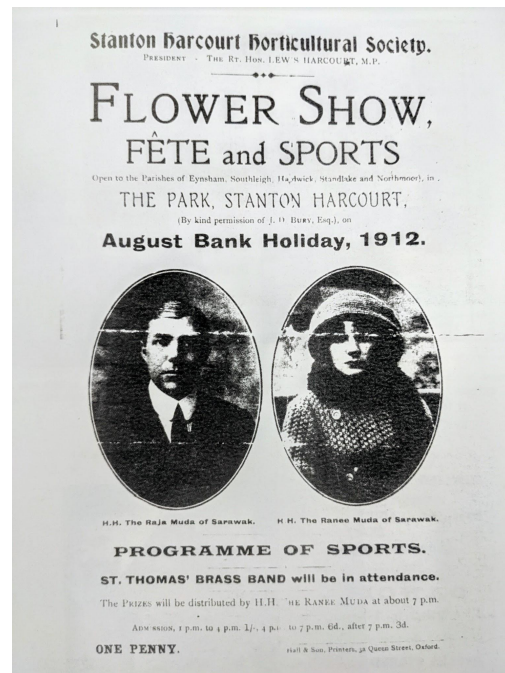
If you're interested, please contact the editor of the Village Voice for more details: village-voice@hotmail.co.uk



Resident Royals

In 1912 their Highnesses the Raja and Ranee of Sarawak lived at the Manor House in Stanton Harcourt.

The Stanton Harcourt Horticultural Society's annual Flower Show, Fete and Sports Day was held on the August bank holiday of 1912 and the Raja and Ranee attended as special guests, distributing prizes from the various activities of the day. The programme included a cricket match, athletic sports, and a cycle gymkhana



The musical notes emoji is the most popular emoji in Brazil and Argentina.

Church News

Lower Windrush Benefice

St Michael's Church, Stanton Harcourt

Regular online services (Zoom link on our website):

Every Wednesday evening at 8.30pm - Compline Night Prayer

Every Thursday morning at 7.30am - Early Bird Prayer

For more information about all services taking place in the Benefice (Stanton Harcourt, Northmoor, Standlake, Yelford) please visit the Lower Windrush benefice website:

www.lowerwindrushbenefice.org

Sutton Methodist Chapel

Details regarding services found on Chapel noticeboard

St Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Eynsham

For information about services at St Peter's please visit www.stpeterseysham.org.uk/



Summertime when the weather is fine

Are you looking for things to do this summer without the hassle of airports, rising fuel costs or dodgy hotel breakfasts?

Have you considered staying local and checking out the fantastic events in Oxfordshire?

Grab a tent and head to one of the varied festivals on offer. Or pack a picnic and head out for the day. Don't forget your wellies!

More info found at Daily Info <https://bit.ly/3Oxb8B4> or Experience Oxford <https://bit.ly/3bo2Ey6>

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